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SUBJECT: CHANCELLERY ECONOMIC ADVISER ON FRENCH

MONETARY CONFERENCE, RAW MATERIALS, AND THE DIALOGUE

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1. SUMMARY: CHANCELLERY ECONOMIC ADVISER HISS HAS
TOLD ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER JULY 17 THAT
AMBITIOUS FRENCH PROPOSED ECONOMIC MONETARY CONFERENCE
WITH DECISION-MAKING POWERS WOULD NOT FIND
FAVOR WITH THE GERMANS. SOMETHING OF A SUMMIT
CAMP DAVID, HOWEVER, FOR AN EXPRESSION OF VIEWS
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MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. CHANCELLOR WAS ALSO FIRMLY

OPPOSED TO FRENCH INSISTENCE ON FIXED EXCHANGE RATES AS AN IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE. HISS SUGGESTED THAT IN ANY FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT THE CHANCELLOR WOULD NO DOUBT WANT TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AGAIN AND MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS THE ENERGY DIALOGUE IN THE LIGHT OF MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI'S TRIP TO THE SEVEN CAPITALS. END SUMMARY

2. DURING MEETING JULY 17 WITH ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER, HISS, CHIEF ECONOMIC OFFICIAL IN CHANCELLERY, SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO COMMENT ON FRENCH MONETARY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL SINCE EC COUNCIL WAS STILL IN SESSION.

3. HISS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GERMANS HAD BEEN INITIALLY MOST DISTURBED BY FRENCH PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF ITS APPARENT AMBITIOUS OBJECTIVES. EARLIER, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FRENCH HAD BEEN TALKING OF A MEETING LASTING AS LONG AS FOUR OR FIVE DAYS WHICH HAD BEEN SHORTENED TO TWO DAYS. AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT THE FRENCH NOW HAD IN MIND A LESS AMBITIOUS MEETING, PERHAPS SOMETHING LIKE A SUMMIT CAMP DAVID. THE CHANCELLOR WAS NOT INTERESTED IN A DECISION-MAKING MEETING WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO CONFRONTATION.

4. THE CHANCELLOR COULD SEE SOME JUSTIFICATION IN THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR AN INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER AT THE TOP OF THE FIVE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IN ORDER TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. HE THOUGHT SOMETHING ON THE FORMAT OF THE EXCHANGES SURROUNDING THE NATO SUMMIT WOULD DO NO HARM.

5. WHEN THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT THE FRENCH INSISTENCE ON FIXED EXCHANGE RATE SEEMED TO BE RATHER UNREALISTIC, HISS SAID THAT THIS WAS ENTIRELY IN LINE WITH THE CHANCELLOR'S POINT OF VIEW. THE CHANCELLOR COULD GO ALONG WITH FIXED EXCHANGE RATES AS A VAGUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVE, BUT WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT WHICH WOULD NEVER WORK. COMMENT: THIS VIEWPOINT SEEMS CONSISTENT WITH GERMAN VIEWS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN CONSIDERING FRENCH REENTRY INTO THE SNAKE. A FEW WEEKS AGO FINANCE MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY POEHL TOLD ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER THAT HE HAD STRONG RESERVATIONS OVER FRENCH REENTRY UNDER

CONDITIONS SET FORTH, BUT SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS
SAYING "WHAT CAN YOU DO IF THE FRENCH WANT TO DO
IT?". END COMMENT

6. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER ALSO REFERRED
TO COMMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY MINISTER OF STATE
WISCHNEWSKI (SEE REFTEL) CONCERNING POTENTIAL
DIVERGENCES BETWEEN US AND FRG IN THE RAW MATERIAL
FIELD. HE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT THIS POINT
OF VIEW SINCE HE THOUGHT OUR POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

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WERE GENERALLY PARALLEL. HISS SAID HE COULD NOT HIMSELF UNDERSTAND THIS POINT OF VIEW. HE THOUGHT PERHAPS THAT WISCHNEWSKI WAS ONLY REFERRING TO DIFFERENCES IN SITUATION OF TWO COUNTRIES, ONE BEING MORE INDEPENDENT THAN THE OTHER. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER POINTED OUT TO HISS THAT WE COULD JUSTIFIABLY DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN OUR SITUATIONS IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS FIELD; FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD THE US HAS BEEN A STRONGER SUPPORTER OF LOWER PRICES THAN THE EC, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE MUCH MORE INDEPENDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAN IN INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS. HE REFERRED HISS TO THE ASSURANCES GIVEN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THAT SALES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT RESULT IN A HIGHER COST OF FOOD FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS EVIDENCE THAT OUR ONLY INTEREST IS NOT IN GAIN FOR US PRODUCERS.

7. IN CONCLUSION HISS REMARKED THAT SHOULD THE CHANCELLOR SEE THE PRESIDENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE HE IMAGINED THAT THE CHANCELLOR WILL AGAIN WANT TO DISCUSS THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE CHANCELLOR MIGHT ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON THE DIALOGUE IN THE LIGHT OF WISCHNEWSKI'S TRIP TO THE SEVEN CAPITALS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST OF THESE TWO POINTS, THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER BROUGHT RECENT MORE FAVORABLE SIGNS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY TO HISS' ATTENTION. HISS SAID THAT HE HAD NOTED THEM AND THAT THEY SEEMED, INDEED, TO BE THE MOST FAVORABLE YET TO APPEAR. HILLENBRAND

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